LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application. Claims 1, 18, 21 and 22 are amended.

1. (*Currently amended*) A light fixture, comprising:

a cowl comprising an open end, a closed end and an inner surface forming a cavity, wherein the inner surface is substantially continuous;

a socket positioned within the cavity and coupled to the inner surface of the closed end of the cowl, the socket being adapted for receiving a base of a lamp;

a collar coupled to the cowl completely within the cavity formed by the cowl, and comprising an internal surface, an external surface, and inner aperture adapted for receiving the base of the lamp and a perimeter that follows contours of the inner surface of the cowl, wherein the collar substantially seals the closed end of the cavity against external ~~contaminants~~ elements;

a lamp coupled to the socket, the lamp comprising a light emitting portion, a base and at least one contact; and

a stem coupled to the cowl for supporting the cowl so that the open end of the cowl faces generally downward;

wherein the open end of the cowl, the light emitting portion of the lamp and the external surface of the collar are open to external elements.

2. (*Previously amended*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the collar is coated with a corrosion-resistant coating.

3. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 2, wherein the coating is a powder coating.

4. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 2, wherein the coating is paint.

5. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 2, wherein the coating is a reflective finish.

6. (*Previously amended*) The light fixture of claim 2, wherein the coating is applied to the inner surface of the collar.

7. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein the cowl comprises a crown portion and a skirt portion, the skirt portion comprising a generally conical cross-section, a first open end and a second open end, whereby a diameter of the second open end is larger than a diameter of the first open end, and the crown portion comprising a generally cylindrical cross-section, an open end and the closed end of the cowl, whereby the open end of the crown portion is coupled to the first open end of the skirt portion.

8. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein the lamp further includes at least one bayonet pin coupled to the base of the lamp.

9. (*Previously amended*) The light fixture of claim 1, further comprising an O-ring closely fitted around the base of the lamp adapted to contact the collar for sealing the inner aperture.

10. (*Previously amended*) The light fixture of claim 1, further comprising a spring adapted to closely fit within the socket, wherein the spring is adapted for forcing the at least one contact in electrical connection with the socket.

11. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, further comprising a head fitting coupled to the cowl for attaching the cowl to the stem.

12. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein the collar is sealed to the inner surface of the cowl.

13. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 12, wherein the collar is sealed using a silicone sealant.

14. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 12, wherein the collar is sealed using an O-ring.

15. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, further comprising a ground spike coupled to the stem.

16. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein the stem is coupled to the cowl at the closed end.

17. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 1, wherein the stem is coupled to the cowl on a side surface of the cowl.

18. (*Currently amended*) A light fixture, comprising:

a cowl comprising a crown portion and a skirt portion, the skirt portion comprising a generally conical cross-section, a first open end and a second open end, whereby a diameter of the second open end is larger than a diameter of the first open end, and the crown portion comprising a generally cylindrical cross-section, an open end and the closed end of the cowl, whereby the open end of the crown portion is coupled to the first open end of the skirt portion, and wherein an inner surface of the cowl is substantially continuous;

a socket positioned within the cavity and coupled to the inner surface of the closed end of the cowl, the socket being capable of receiving a base of a lamp;

a collar coupled to the cowl completely within the cavity formed by the cowl, and comprising an internal surface, an external surface, an inner aperture comprising a diameter at least capable of receiving the base of the lamp and a perimeter that follows contours of the inner surface of the cowl so that the cavity is substantially sealed against external ~~contaminants~~ elements, wherein at least a portion of the collar is coated with a reflective coating;

a lamp coupled to the socket, the lamp comprising a light-emitting portion, a base and at least one contact; and

a stem coupled to the cowl for supporting the cowl so that the open end of the cowl faces generally downward;

wherein the open end of the cowl, the light emitting portion of the lamp and the external

surface of the collar are open to external elements.

19. (*Original*) The light fixture of claim 18, wherein the reflective coating is a powder coating.

20. (*Previously amended*) The light fixture of claim 18, further comprising an O-ring closely fitted around the base of the lamp adapted to contact the collar for sealing the inner aperture.

21. (*Currently amended*) A fixture for projecting light in a downward direction, the fixture comprising:

a mounting stem;

a cowl comprising an upper portion and a flared lower portion, wherein the upper portion is coupled to the stem so that the flared lower portion is directed downward, and wherein an inner surface of the cowl is substantially continuous;

a lamp having a lamp base and a light-emitting portion;

a socket disposed within the upper portion, wherein the socket has an electrical contact disposed therein and is adapted for receiving the lamp; and

a collar adapted to closely fit within the upper portion of the cowl so that an inner surface of the upper portion and an upper surface of the collar define a cavity that is substantially sealed against external ~~contaminants~~ elements, the collar having an aperture at its center adapted for providing access to the socket for insertion of the lamp;

wherein the flared lower portion of the cowl, the light emitting portion of the lamp and a lower surface of the collar are open to external elements.

22. (*Currently amended*) The fixture of claim 21, wherein at least ~~a~~ the lower surface of the collar is coated with a reflective material.

23. (*Original*) The fixture of claim 22, wherein the reflective material is a light-colored powder coating.

24. (*Original*) The fixture of claim 21, further comprising an O-ring closely fitted around the lamp base adapted to contact the collar for sealing the aperture.

25. (*Original*) The fixture of claim 21, further comprising a spring disposed within the socket for providing an outward bias on the electrical contact within the socket.